

speaker biographies

Anne P. Canby

Anne P. Canby is president of the Surface Transportation Policy Project in Washington, D.C. She served from 1993 to 2000 as secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation, where she presided over the transformation of a traditional highway agency into a multimodal provider, boosting public transportation services and promoting a collaborative decision-making process. Ms. Canby has been a deputy assistant secretary of the U.S.

Department of Transportation, a New Jersey Department of Transportation commissioner, and treasurer of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

Ms. Canby has served on the boards of many organizations, including the Transportation Research Board, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Northeastern Association of State Transportation Officials. The American Public Transportation Association, the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the American Planning Association have recognized her for her leadership.

Marci Coglianese

Marci Coglianese has served on the Rio Vista City Council since 1997. She was elected mayor in 2000 and reelected in 2002. She serves on numerous boards, including the Solano Transportation Authority, the Yolo-Solano Air District and the Solano County Water Agency.

Mayor Coglianese is committed to preserving Delta resources and protecting agricultural lands and open space. Her goals include developing a former Army base property with recreational and public benefit uses; revitalizing her city's waterfront and downtown; improving heavily traveled Highway 12 and the Rio Vista bridge; and bringing intercity transit to Rio Vista. She is also working to preserve the small-town character of Rio Vista, one of the fastest growing cities in the Bay Area, with today's 6,000 residents projected to grow to 22,000 by 2020.

Coglianese is an attorney who has served as a Solano deputy county counsel, assistant city attorney of Fairfield, and in private practice.

Stuart Cohen

Stuart Cohen is executive director of the Transportation and Land Use Coalition (TALC). In 1997, he helped found and later became director of the Transportation Choices Forum, a nonprofit transportation policy and planning group, now part of TALC. Also that year, he became chair of the newly founded Bay Area Transportation and Land Use Coalition, which was incorporated as TALC in September 2002.

Previously, Mr. Cohen worked with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, researching and promoting alternative fuel and transportation demand strategies for municipalities in the United States. For five years he worked as statewide canvass director with New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), organizing against incinerators proposed for the Hudson Valley.

Mr. Cohen has a master's degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley, and has authored seven reports on transportation and regional planning.



Steve Heminger

Steve Heminger is executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the San Francisco Bay Area. MTC also functions as the region's Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways, operating a fleet of tow trucks and roadside call boxes, and as the Bay Area Toll Authority, which administers the base \$1 toll on state-owned toll bridges.

Mr. Heminger serves as vice chair of the Policy Committee of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and as chair of a special Transportation Research Board committee on value pricing. Before joining MTC in 1993, Mr. Heminger was vice president of transportation for the Bay Area Council. He also has served as a staff assistant in the California Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

Mr. Heminger received his master of arts degree from the University of Chicago and a bachelor of arts degree from Georgetown University.

Steve Kinsey

Steve Kinsey is chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and a Marin County supervisor. He also is chair of the Marin County Congestion Management Agency and a board member of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Supervisor Kinsey served as chair of the multi-agency committee that recently prepared the Smart Growth Strategy/Regional Livability Footprint Project.

Land use issues are critical in District Four, which encompasses more than two-thirds of Marin County's land area. Supervisor Kinsey has focused on issues such as preserving agriculture in West Marin, protecting San Francisco Bay and restoring fisheries and watersheds. Representing Marin County's most ethnically diverse district, Supervisor Kinsey has emphasized fair housing, violence prevention, support for literacy and citizenship programs, and enhanced access to government for underrepresented groups.

Prior to his election as county supervisor in 1996, Mr. Kinsey owned and operated his own design/build firm in Marin County.

Lynette Jung Lee

Lynette Jung Lee is executive director of the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC), a community development organization with over 70 staff members, a \$2 million annual operating budget and 20 subsidiary corporations with another \$4 million in annual operating budgets.

Ms. Lee is responsible for the management of 10 buildings owned by EBALDC and its subsidiaries, as well as developing new housing and commercial properties. She also oversees programs to develop small businesses and build economic self-sufficiency. Her organizational affiliations have included Development Leadership Network, National Coalition of Asian/Pacific Community Developers, Oakland Homeless Commission, Bay Vision 20/20, Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California and the Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Advisory Council.

Ms. Lee has been at EBALDC for 26 years and has served as executive director for the past 21 years. In 2000, the Fannie Mae Foundation named her a James A. Johnson Community Fellow.

William C. Norton

Bill Norton is executive officer and air pollution control officer of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Previously he was a member of the Public Service Skills Program established by the League of California Cities, which seeks interim positions for retired local officials. Mr. Norton retired as city manager for Alameda in 1996, and from 1998 to 2001 served brief stints as interim city manager for Clayton, Saratoga, Los Altos Hills and Calistoga.

Mr. Norton devoted over 15 years to Alameda, first as public works director, and then city manager. While city manager, he also served as CEO of the Alameda Redevelopment Agency, the Alameda Housing Authority, and the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Norton's city government career began in the early 1970s in Oakland, where he worked as an administrative analyst and management analyst. In 1980, he was hired as public services administrator for the city of Newark.

Robert Poole, Jr.

Robert Poole is director of Transportation Studies at the Reason Foundation in Los Angeles. He received his B.S. and M.S. in mechanical engineering at MIT.

Mr. Poole's 1988 paper proposing supplemental privately financed, congestion-relieving toll lanes inspired California's landmark private tollway law (AB 680), which served as the prototype for more than 15 similar laws in other states. In 1993, he directed a study that coined the term HOT lanes (high-occupancy toll lanes).

Mr. Poole has been an adviser to the Federal Highway Administration, the White House Office of Policy Development, and the California and Florida departments of transportation. He is a member of the board of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association's Public-Private Ventures division. In 2000–2001, Mr. Poole was a member of the Bush-Cheney transition team on transportation. He writes a monthly column on transportation issues for *Public Works Financing*.

Laura Stuchinsky

Laura Stuchinsky is director of Housing and Transportation for the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group (SVMG), where she directs the activities of the Transportation Policy and Land Use & Housing committees and works with industry, civic and community leaders to develop innovative solutions to housing, land use and transportation challenges.

Before joining SVMG, Ms. Stuchinsky was a communications officer for the Association of Bay Area Governments. She also has worked as a newspaper reporter, an aide to then-Congressman Ron Wyden of Oregon, a film and TV documentary producer, and a housing cooperative developer.

Ms. Stuchinsky serves on the boards of Odyssey, a nonprofit dedicated to expanding environmentally sound transportation options; the California Housing Consortium; and the Housing Trust Fund of Santa Clara County.





Jeffrey F. Squires

Jeff Squires is the senior policy advisor for transportation for the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. He joined the Environment and Public Works staff in September 2001 to assist Senator Jim Jeffords in the reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program and continues to work on other transportation matters.

Mr. Squires was director of planning for the Vermont Transportation Agency before serving as the organization's deputy secretary from 1994 through 1998. In both positions, he was Vermont's liaison to its congressional delegation on transportation matters. In that role, he participated in the development and implementation of federal transportation legislation.

Mr. Squires comes to his Senate staff position following three years as a vice president with the transportation consulting firm DMJM-HARRIS and project manager of the Tren Urbano heavy-rail project in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ethan Veneklasen

Ethan Veneklasen has served since 2001 as director of transportation policy for the California Alliance for Jobs, a non-profit association representing 50,000 union workers and their employers in the Northern California heavy construction industry. He serves as a member of MTC's Advisory Council, Performance Measures Working Group and Goods Movement Task Force.

Before coming to the Alliance for Jobs, Mr. Veneklasen was vice-president of government affairs for the Fremont Chamber of Commerce. His experience includes work on the BART to San Jose Policy Advisory Committee, the Economic Development Alliance for Business Board of Directors and Transportation Task Force, and the Solutions on Sunol Coalition.

Mr. Veneklasen earned his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Rochester.

Martin Wachs

Martin Wachs is director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where he is the Roy W. Carlson Distinguished Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and professor of City & Regional Planning. He earlier spent 25 years at UCLA, where he served as chairman of the Department of Urban Planning.

Professor Wachs is the author of 150 articles and four books about relationships between transportation, land use and air quality; transportation needs of the elderly; techniques for evaluating transportation systems; and the use of performance measurement in transportation planning. His research also addresses issues of equity in transportation policy, problems of crime in public transit systems, and transportation systems' response to natural disasters. His most recent work focuses on transportation finance in relation to planning and policy.

Professor Wachs has served on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) for nine years and was the TRB Chairman in 2000.

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